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RESPONSE (ELECTION)

Sir:

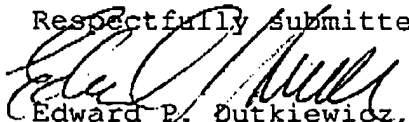
Introductory Comments

This is in response to the Office Action dated 12/16/2004.  
Attached is the response to the requirement for  
restriction/election contained in that Office Action.

Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully  
requested.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that direct contact with  
applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of  
this case, he is hereby authorized to call the undersigned  
collect at 727-734-2855.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this correspondence and being sent via facsimile to (703) 872-9306 addressed to: Art Unit 2734, Examiner Laura Estelle Edwards, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, this 4th day of January, 2005.

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## REMARKS (ELECTION)

This is in response to the requirement for restriction or election.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, applicant through his attorney, hereby elects Species Group I, Claims 1 - 7 of Figures 1 - 6, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 118, subclass 429. Such election is made with traverse. It is deemed that a complete search, examination and office action on the elected embodiment would require a complete search, examination and office action of the other embodiments. As such, it is urged that no additional burden would be placed on the Examiner by withdrawing the requirement to elect and issuing an office action on all of the embodiments of the instant application.

Withdrawal of the Examiner's requirement for election/restriction, favorable reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are hereby requested.